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1. Your outline regarding Hungarian operations was greatly appreciated. From the reference memoranda we gather that further clarification of the procedures to follow seems to be necessary. We fully agree with you that the best method is to find a principal agent who would make the initial trip into Hungary to establish the necessary contact there. Thus far, we failed to find an agent who has adequate contacts inside Hungary, and who would be willing to return to establish the initial contacts--that is to say, an agent who, in addition to having the courage, intellect and contacts inside Hungary, would also be discreet and whose loyalty is not tied to intelligence groups controlled by others or, at least, where he would stand a fair chance that his loyalty could be weaned to us, and over whom we would have some control.

2. Such an agent should be located among:

- a. Hungarian refugees in western Europe.
- b. Businessmen travelling between Hungary and western Europe.
- c. Hungarian officials travelling between Hungary and western Europe.

3. As group a:

The Hungarian refugees in western Europe are divided into three groups:

- (1) refugees who fled the invading Soviet forces and remained after the second world war in western Europe.
- (2) refugees who fled after the beginning of communist persecutions.
- (3) a small number of Hungarian refugees who were released.

Group (1) consists of former officers and Right Wing politicians in Europe. Their activities in Hungary, which led to persecution by the French occupation forces, were not tolerant toward the group, the latter in the French zone of occupation and their most active member, Ferenc KISSBARTAKI-PARKAS, soon established contact with Gen. HETHOUART (former Hungarian Gen. VASVARI). The latter saved Gen. HETHOUART and his family in Belgrade in 1941 from being imprisoned by the Germans. Due to the fact that France was not formally at war with Hungary and, probably, also because of the friendship between Gen. HETHOUART and VASVARI, French authorities consistently refused to extradite Hungarian "war criminals" and thereby saved Gen. KISSBARTAKI-PARKAS and many others from persecution. KISSBARTAKI-PARKAS lost no time in organizing the Hungarian refugees. With this long-time chief of staff, Gen. ZAKO and Capt. KORPONAY, they formed the KOPJAS movement--an anti-Bolshevist group which soon began an active network in Hungary and aligned itself primarily with the French B/Dor to gain financial support for its activities.

We do not wish to repeat the facts well known to you regarding KISSBARTAKI-PARKAS, ZAKO and KORPONAY, and mentioned the above merely to point out one important fact -- that their loyalty belongs primarily to the French and, because the French practically saved their lives and were the first to recognize their status and give them support, it cannot be hoped that their loyalty could now be won by the U.S.. All three men are able organizers and experienced in intelligence work. They first drafted into their organizations probably every former Hungarian soldier in the western zones with experience in intelligence work; then, almost all of the former Hungarian Army veterans in the West, and are now keeping a tight rein on their activities. Unfortunately for us, they have control of the hardest elements among the Hungarian refugees, and we have little hope that a principal agent could be found in this group who would not at the same time inform his old comrades and thereby channel the material obtained in other I.S. services.